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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Quana M. Grainger

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 0205.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 9-11, 15 and 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5-7, 12-14, 17, 18, 22, 25 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 19-21, 23-24, 27-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1,5-8, 12-14, and 17-28 are objected to because claims 1 and 12 recite “comprising a parameter of a relationship which relates an output of a drum controller...” which is wordy and unclear. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 5-7, 12-14, 17-18, 22, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuoka et al (5,508,784). The method for accommodating different drum loads in an imaging device, the method by Matsuoka et al. comprises steps of: a) applying a drive stimulus to the drum load; b) monitoring the response of the drum load to the stimulus; c) determining a new value for at least one control parameter for driving the drum load; and d) updating the control parameter in accordance with the new value (figure 3). The steps (b) to (d) are performed under closed loop feedback control (figure 3). The steps (a) to (d) are performed

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under open loop feedback control (figure 3). The steps (b) to (d) are iteratively repeated (figure 3).

Matsuoka et al. teaches a system for driving a drum load, comprising: a drum drive for driving the load; an encoder for sensing the resulting rotation of the drum; and a controller operably connected to the drum drive to provide control signals thereto, the control signals derived by the controller in response to rotational information received from the encoder, the controller having a drive parameter estimator for determining suitable drive conditions for the load (column 7, lines 39-44). The drive parameter estimator comprises instructions stored in computer readable memory (column 7, line 57 – column 8, line 5). The drive parameter estimator comprises an adaptive controller (figure 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 8, 19-21, 23-24, and 27-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, all intervening claims, and absent all other objections. Claims 2-4, 9-11 and 15-16 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 10-28-2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argued that Matsuoka et al. does not teach altering parameters to permit effective control of rotational speed for different loads. However, the variations, discussed in column 8, lines 14-25, are different loads. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., adaptive controller) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the

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claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

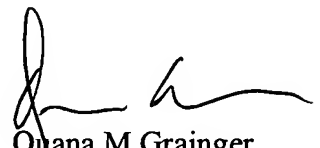
Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quana M. Grainger whose telephone number is 571-272-2135.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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